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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Herbert GRIEB, et al.

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Appln. No.: 10/684,561

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Examiner: Edward Raymond

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For: METHOD FOR PREVENTING OR MINIMIZING OPERATIONAL FAILURES IN A TECHNICAL INSTALLATION

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of two months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of July 26, 2004 to December 26, 2004.

A check for the statutory fee of $450.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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